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SUBJ: POLICE NAB LUAR CHIEF INACIO AND SIX COHORTS

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1. PORTUGUESE POLICE ARRESTED FOUNDER/HEAD OF LEAGUE FOR UNITY AND REVOLUTIONARY ACTION (LUAR), HERMINIO DE PALMA INACIO, AND SIX OF HIS ASSOCIATES, IN LISBON CAFE NOV. 23. TWO OTHER LUAR MEMBERS, WAITING IN CAR NEARBY, ESCAPED AND STILL AT LARGE. THE SEVEN WERE ARMED AND DISGUISED WHEN APPREHENDED. ACCORDING GOP INFORMATION CHIEF FEYTOR PINTO, GROUP WAS PREPARING TO STAGE ROBBERY OF BANK OF ANGOLA, FEW STEPS FROM CAFE.

2. ALTHOUGH INFORMATION CHIEF WAS WILLING DISCUSS ARRESTS WITH EMBOFF, GOP HAS IMPOSED TIGHT CENSORSHIP ON NEWS OF THIS SENSATIONAL EVENT. OFFICIAL SILENCE MAY BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATED TO POLICE EFFORTS TRACK DOWN TWO LUAR MEMBERS

AT LARGE.

3. COMMENT: PALMA INACIO HAS BEEN BETE-NOIRE OF GOP FOR A DECADE. HE WAS ONE OF HIJACKERS OF SANTA MARIA LINER (1961), HAS PULLED OFF SEVERAL BANK ROBBERIES AND BURGLARIES OF PORTUGUESE CONSULATES, AND HAS TWICE ESCAPED FROM PRISON IN PORTUGAL. ROBIN HOOD IMAGE OF PALMA INACIO CONVEYED IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS HAS LONG BEEN RESENTED BY GOP, WHICH PAINTS HIM AS DANGEROUS AND CRIMINAL REVOLUTIONARY. HIS ARREST IS GREAT COUP FOR NEW INTERIOR MINISTER MOREIRA BAPTISTA.  
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